

**AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT**

On page 9, please replace the paragraph beginning on line 5 with the following paragraph.

--The applicator for strings of the present invention is ~~dimethyldichlorosilane~~ polymer polydimethylsiloxane containing scourer and colorant and having viscosity of 100 to 1000cs, which is retained in a sponge-like retainer.--